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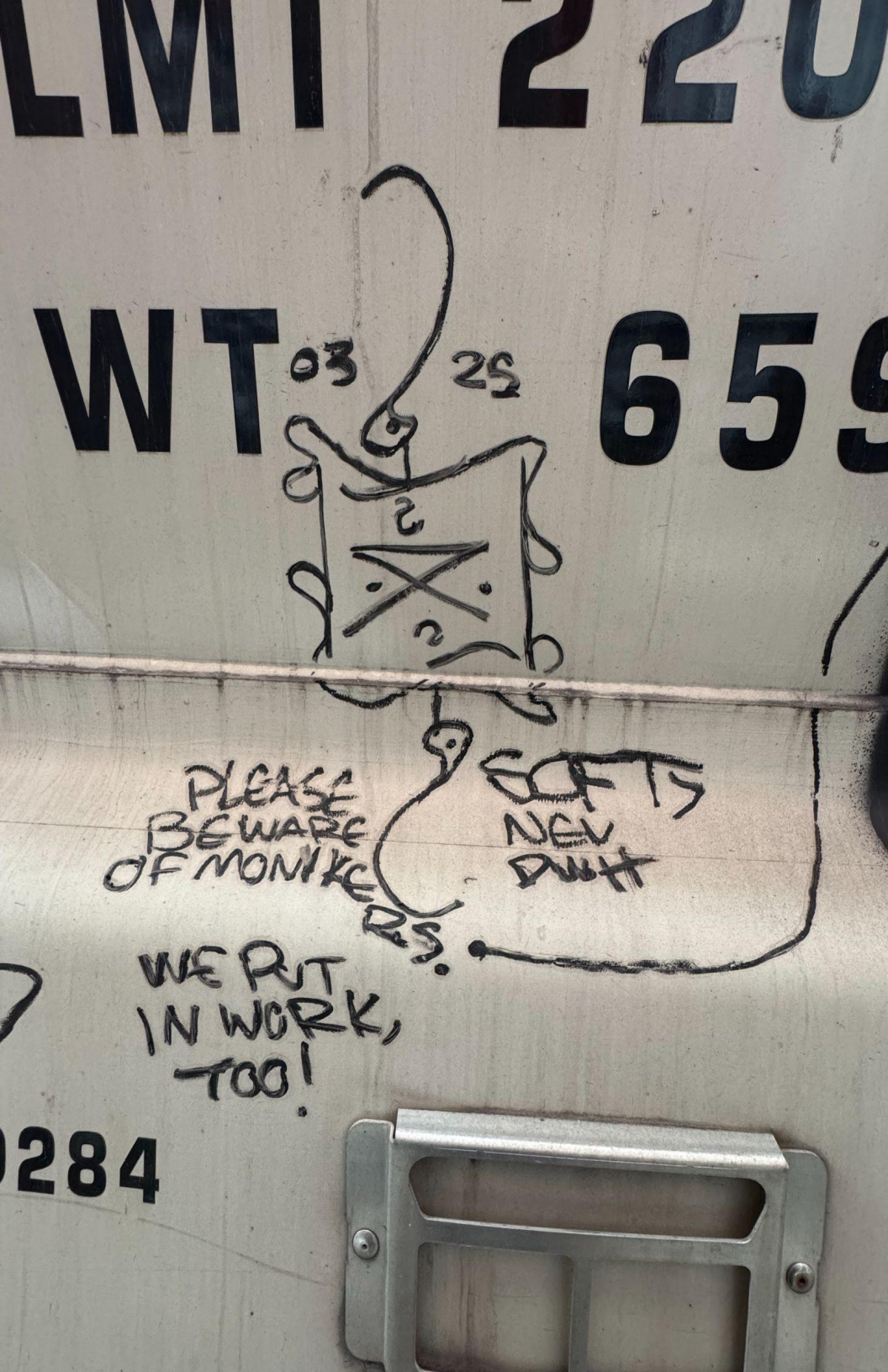
Special Q&A with Soft 7

Traveling Monikers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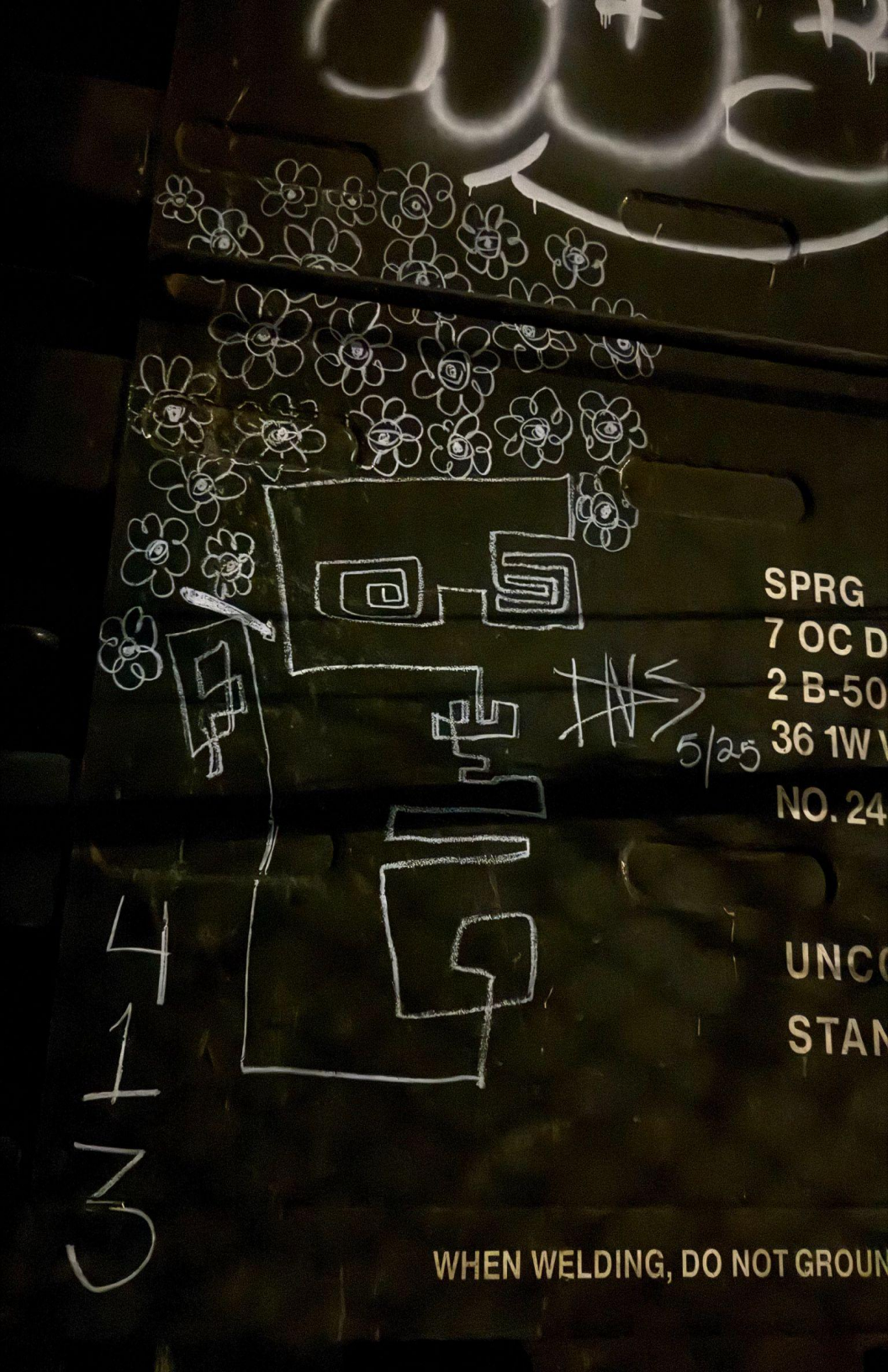
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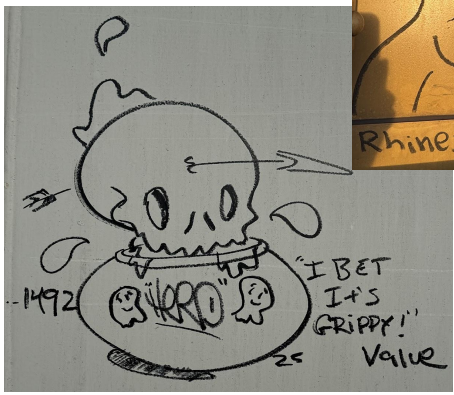

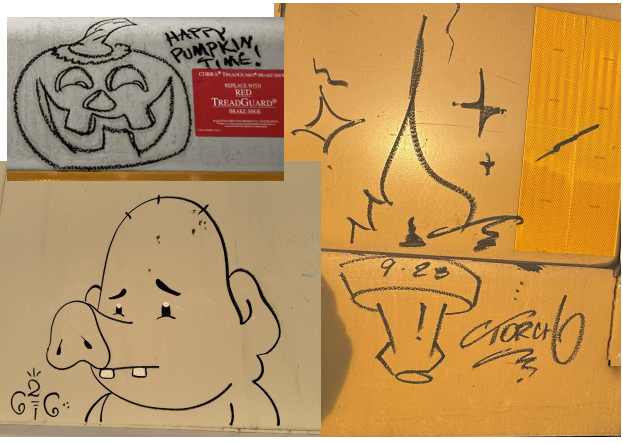

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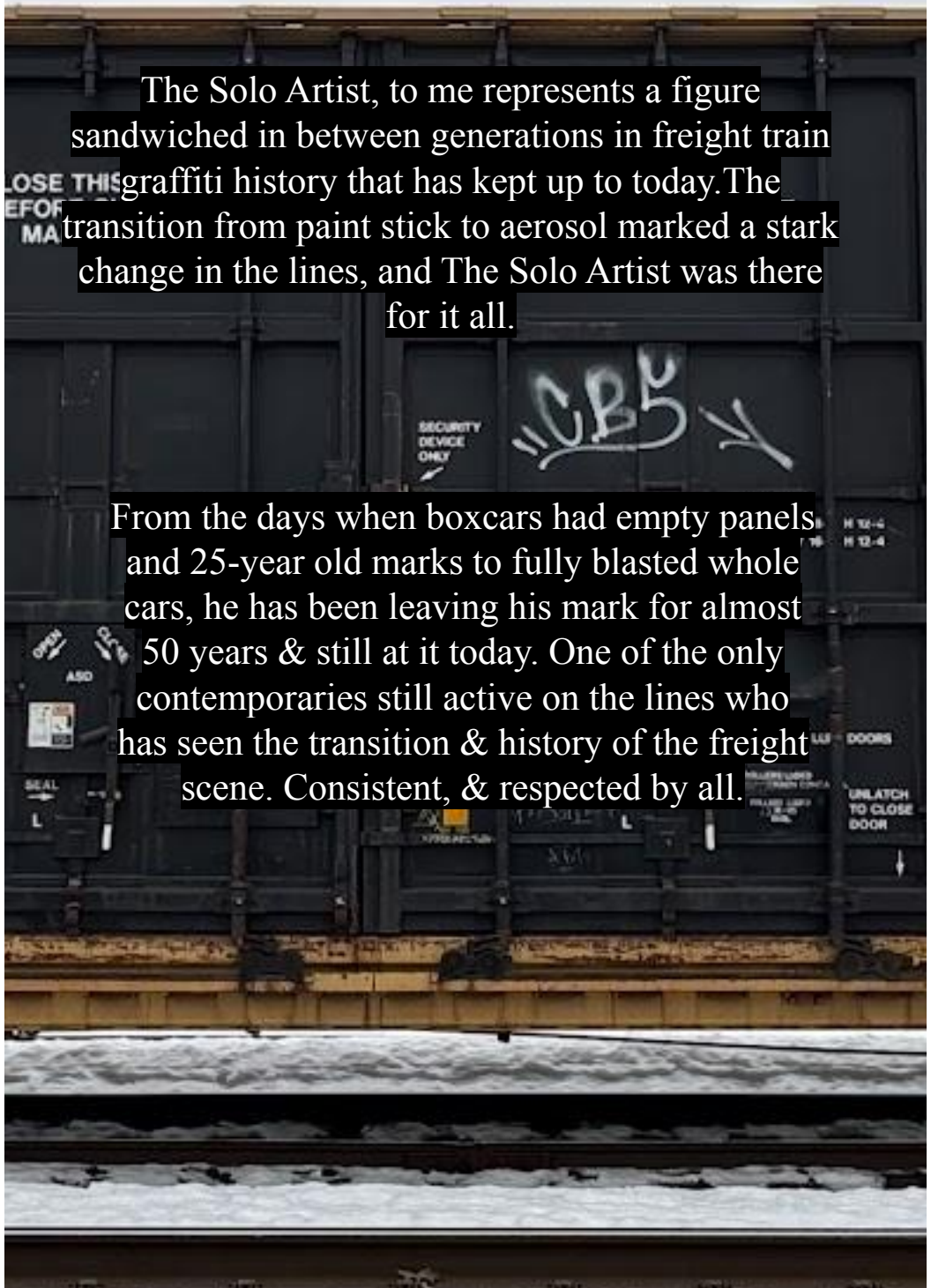
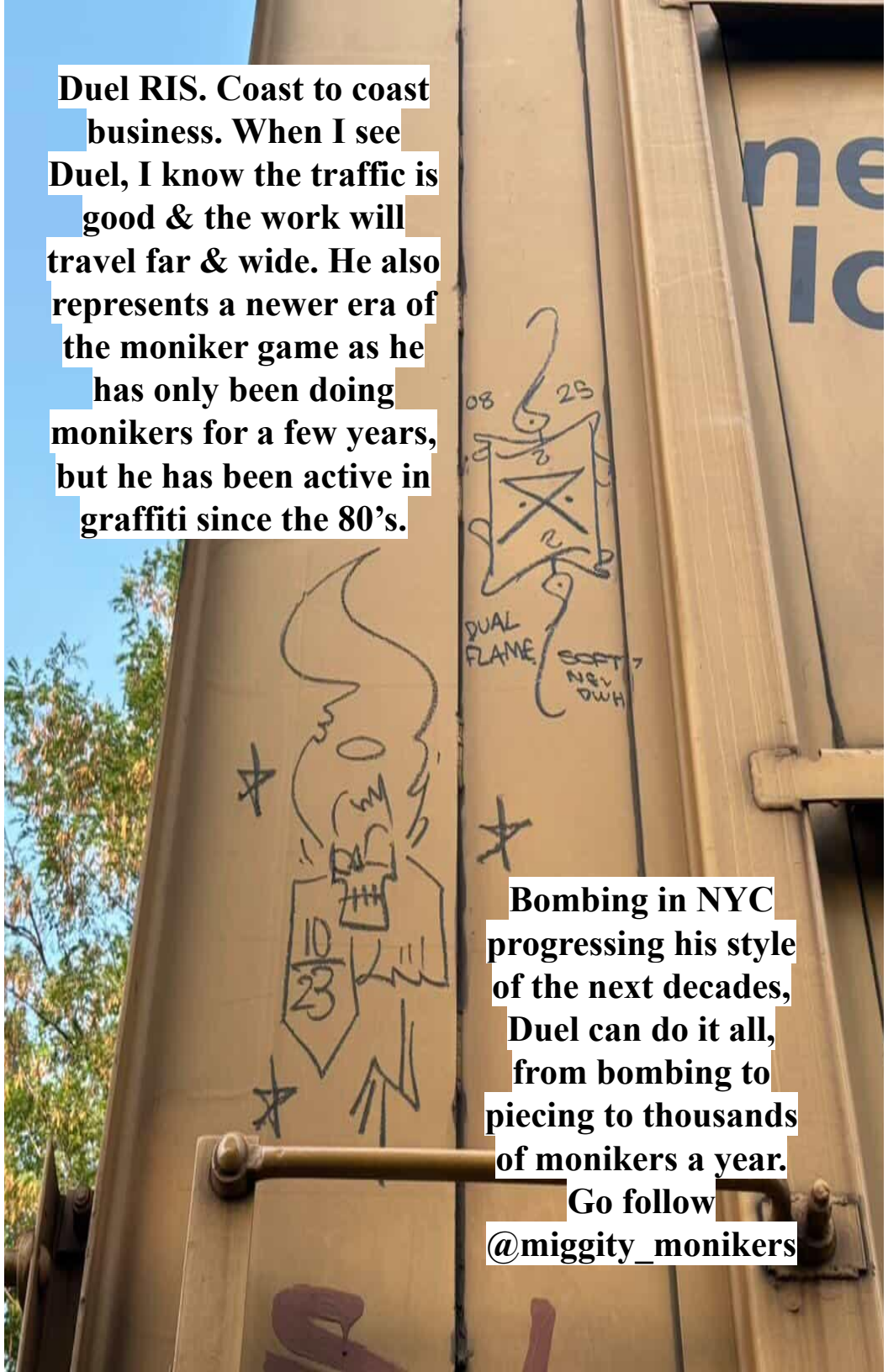
Yo Soft, Who are your top 3 moniker artists & why?



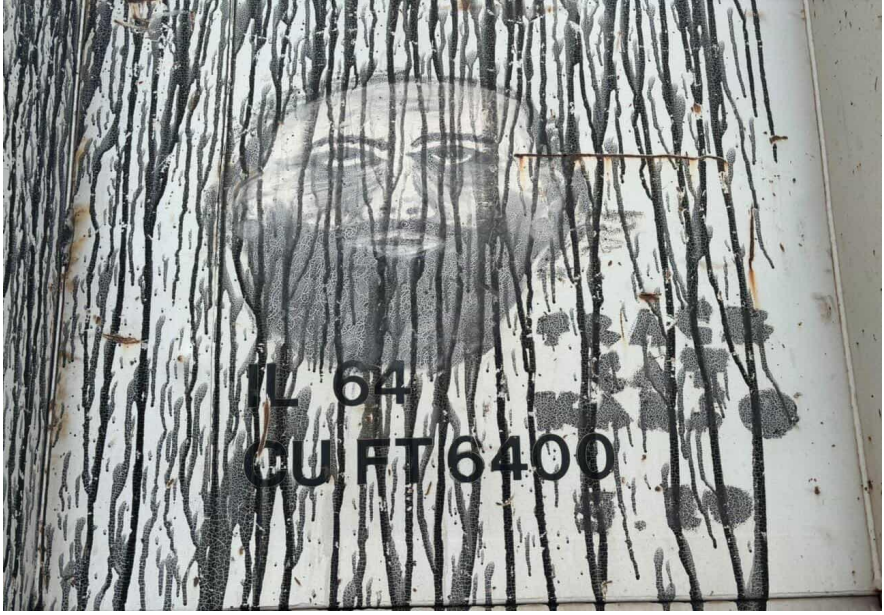
The Solo Artist, to me represents a figure sandwiched in between generations in freight train graffiti history that has kept up to today.The transition from paint stick to aerosol marked a stark change in the lines, and The Solo Artist was there for it all.

From the days when boxcars had empty panels and 25-year old marks to fully blasted whole cars, he has been leaving his mark for almost 50 years & still at it today. One of the only contemporaries still active on the lines who has seen the transition & history of the freight scene. Consistent, & respected by all.

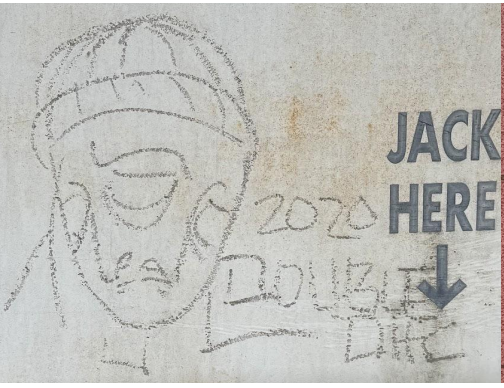


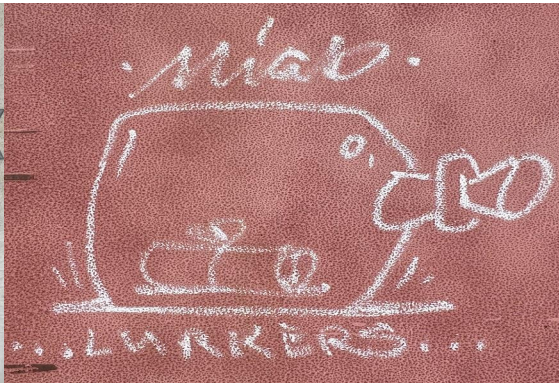
Duel RIS. Coast to coast business. When I see Duel, I know the traffic is good & the work will travel far & wide. He also represents a newer era of the moniker game as he has only been doing monikers for a few years, but he has been active in graffiti since the 80's.

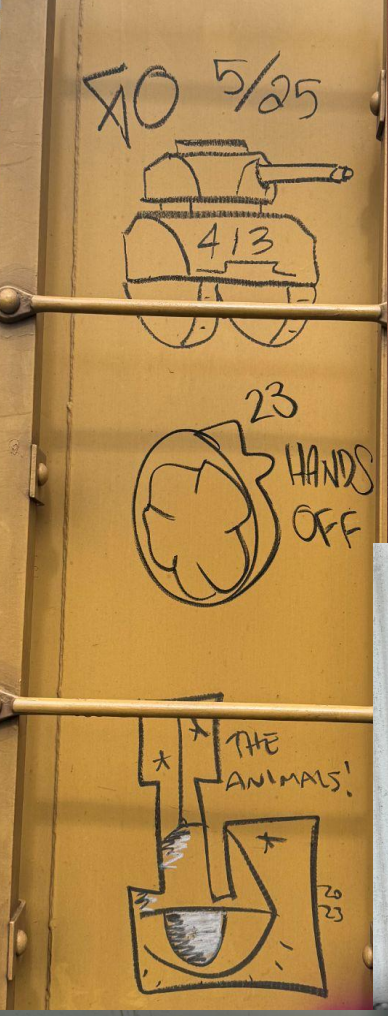
Bombing in NYC progressing his style of the next decades, Duel can do it all, from bombing to piecing to thousands of monikers a year. Go follow @miggity_monikers



Track Cat Karso. Always love catching a Karso because they are always unique. While most moniker artists stick to a single image, Karso consistently surprises me with the variety of subjects & images he creates. Mostly inspired by travels abroad & images from books found in 200-year old abandoned railroad structures in the European countryside, his work stands out as unique & authentic amid an ever changing array of paintstick art.



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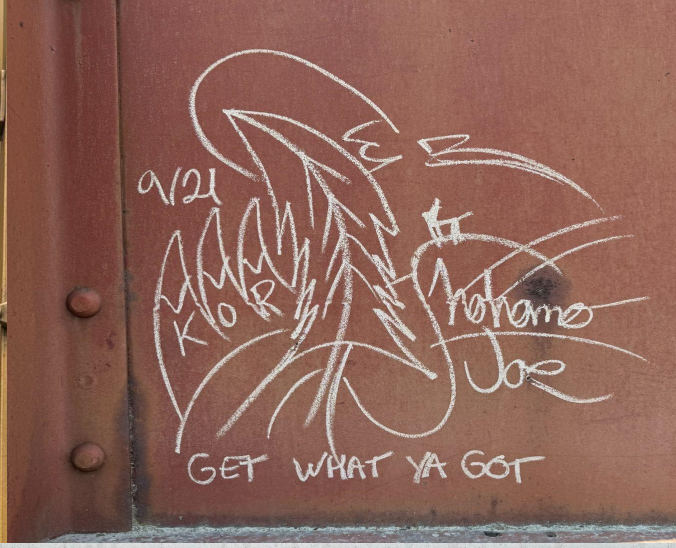
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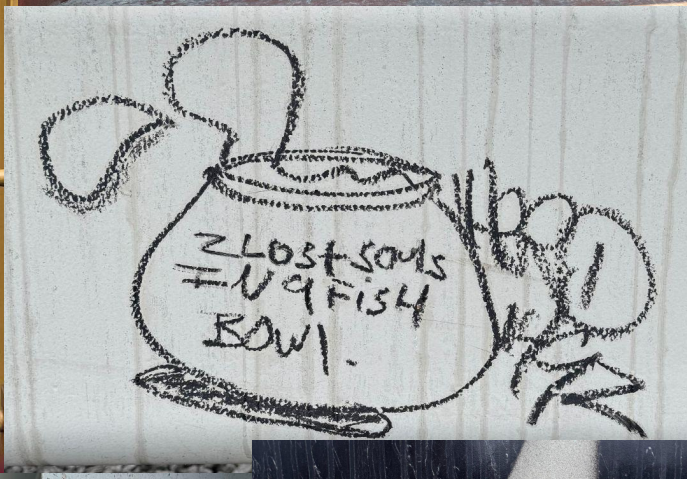
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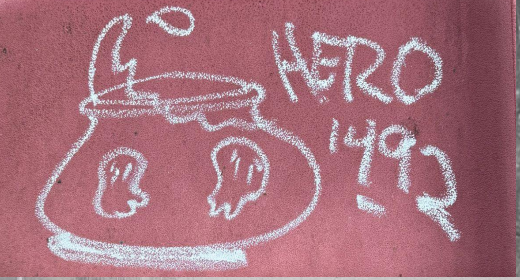
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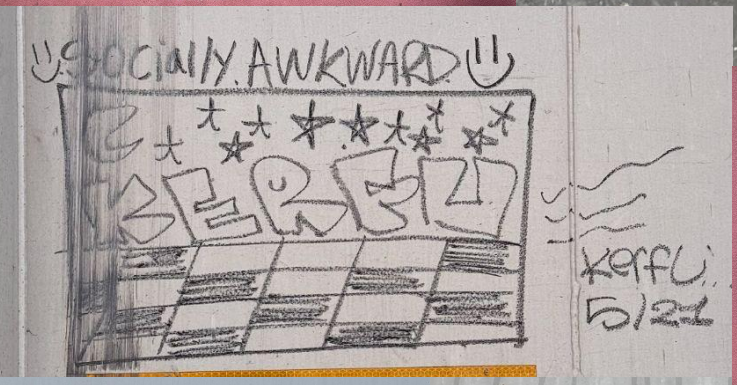
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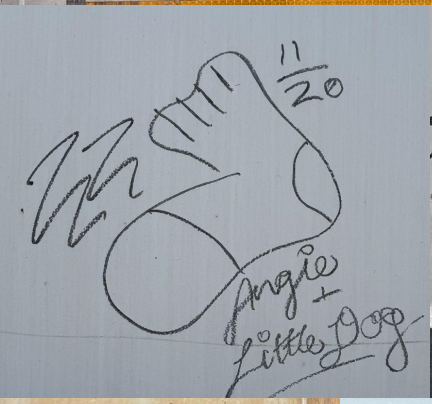
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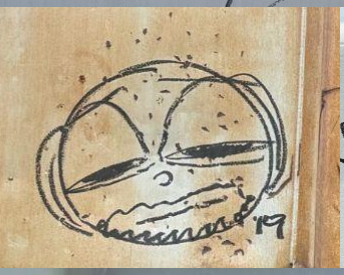

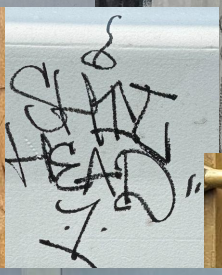

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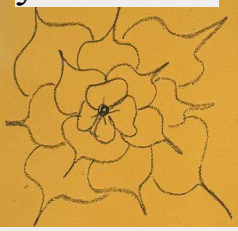

It's not so much about continuing the work as it is the act of doing it. Something about walking train lines & looking at the layers of human markings gives me this feeling of camaraderie, even if I'm completely alone. There's an aspect of longevity with that too, I often see dead writers on the lines & wonder if the candles will outlast me in this place? What does it mean if they do? I guess not much, really, but it rings true to the ancient human act of leaving a mark. The candles are my cave drawings, in my own way.

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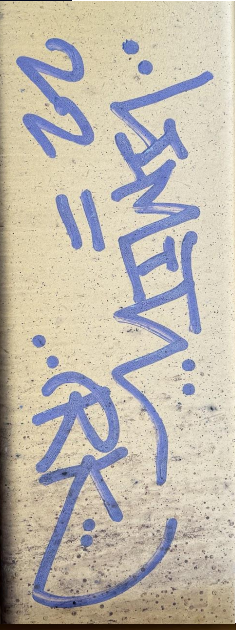
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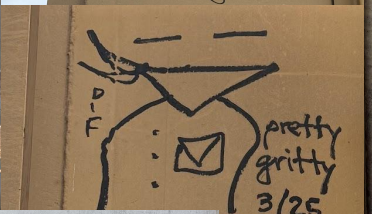
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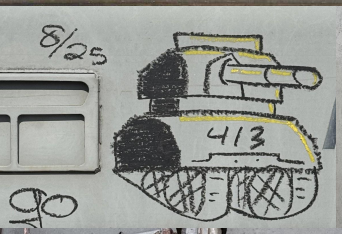
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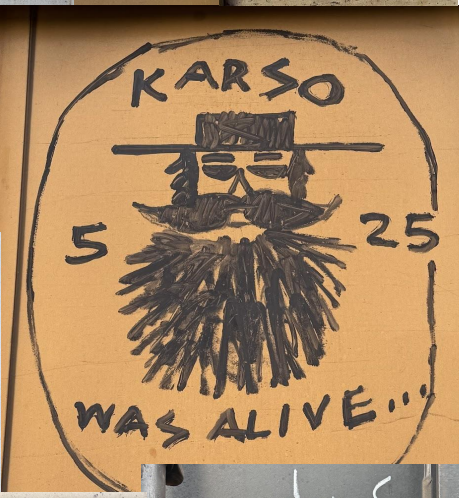
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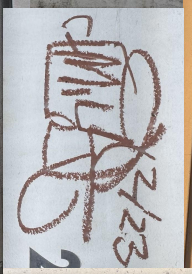

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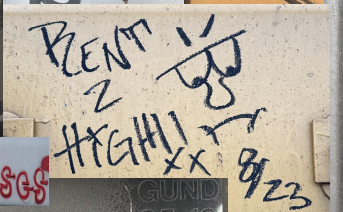
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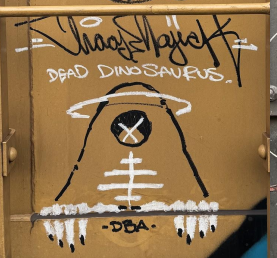
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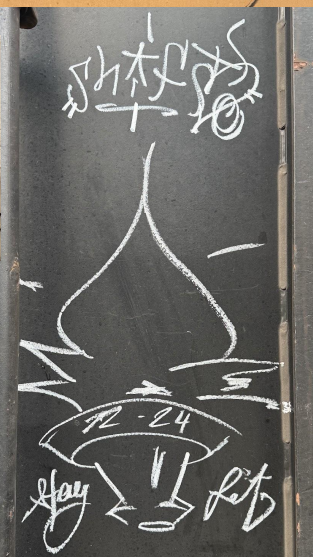
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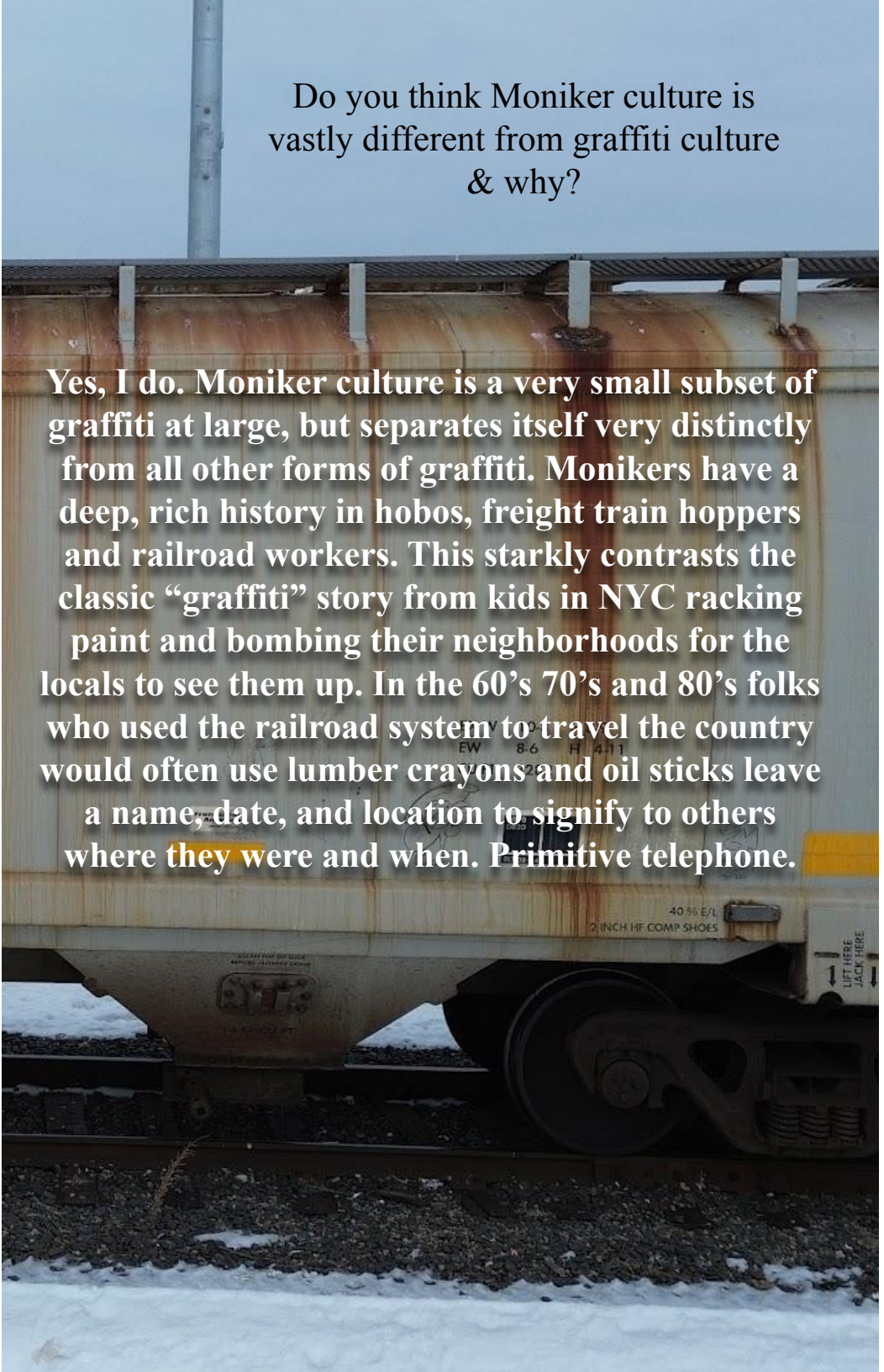
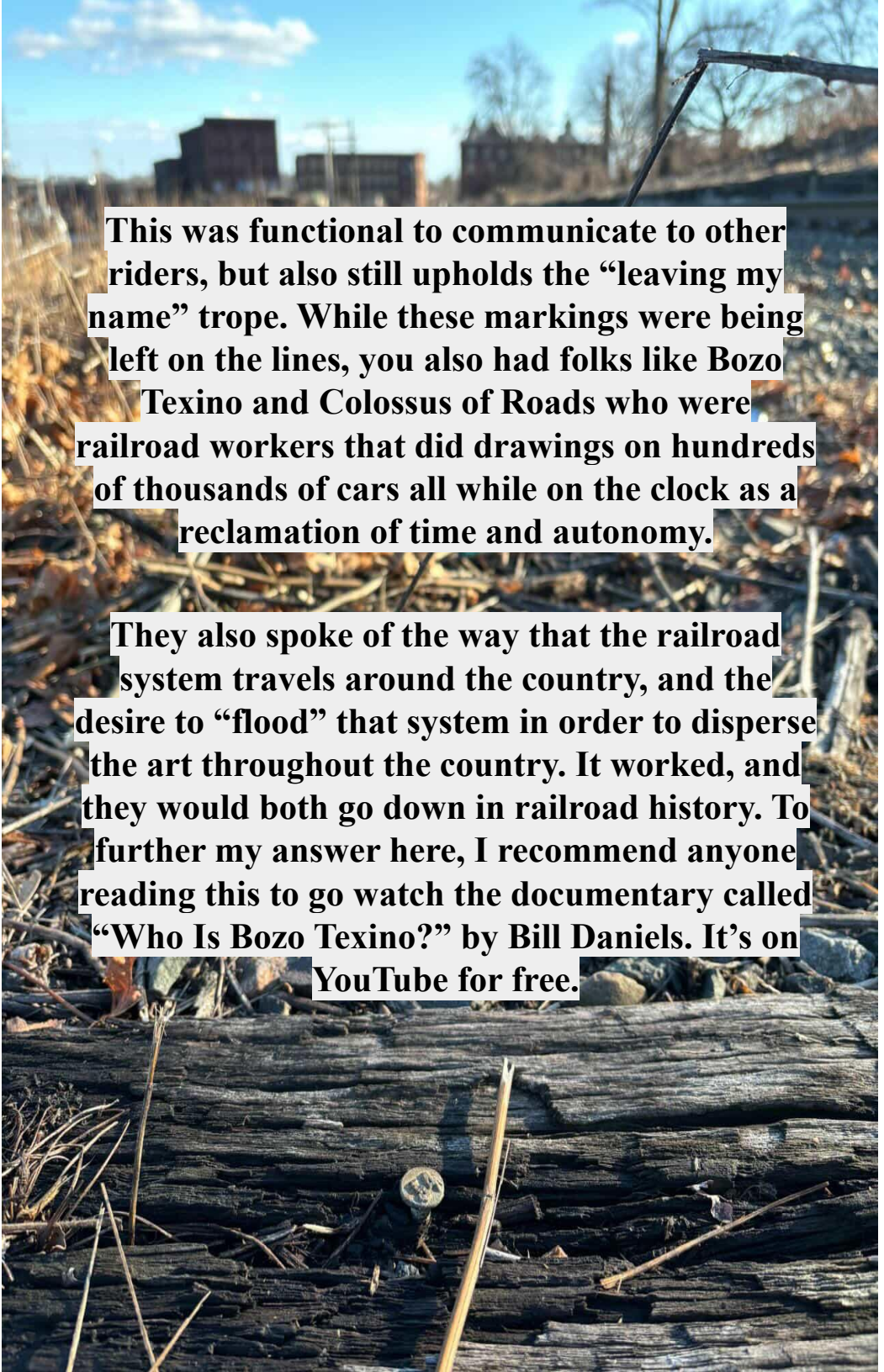
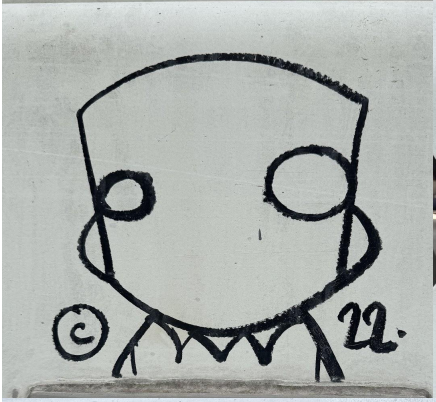

Do you think Moniker culture is vastly different from graffiti culture & why?
Yes, I do. Moniker culture is a very small subset of graffiti at large, but separates itself very distinctly from all other forms of graffiti. Monikers have a deep, rich history in hobos, freight train hoppers and railroad workers. This starkly contrasts the classic “graffiti” story from kids in NYC racking paint and bombing their neighborhoods for the locals to see them up. In the 60’s 70’s and 80’s folks who used the railroad system to travel the country would often use lumber crayons and oil sticks leave a name, date, and location to signify to others where they were and when. Primitive telephone.



This was functional to communicate to other riders, but also still upholds the “leaving my name” trope. While these markings were being left on the lines, you also had folks like Bozo Texino and Colossus of Roads who were railroad workers that did drawings on hundreds of thousands of cars all while on the clock as a reclamation of time and autonomy.

They also spoke of the way that the railroad system travels around the country, and the desire to “flood” that system in order to disperse the art throughout the country. It worked, and they would both go down in railroad history. To further my answer here, I recommend anyone reading this to go watch the documentary called “Who Is Bozo Texino?” by Bill Daniels. It’s on YouTube for free.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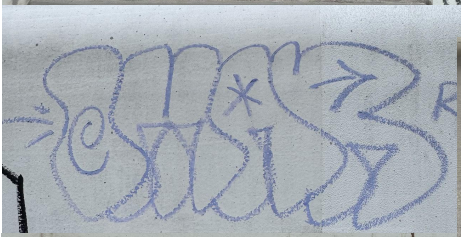

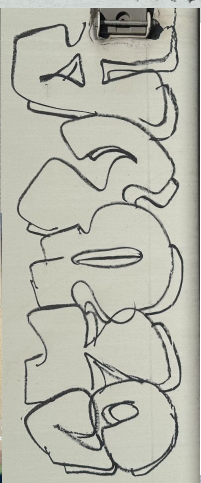

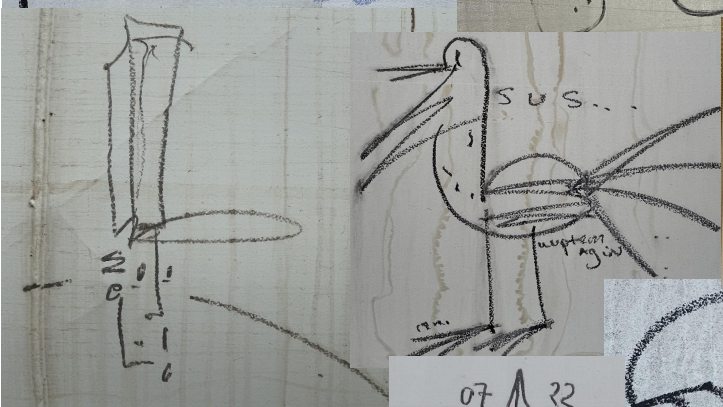

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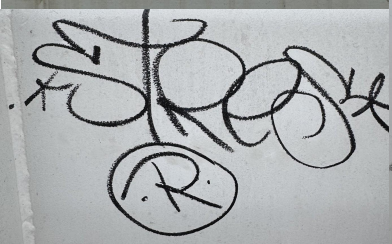

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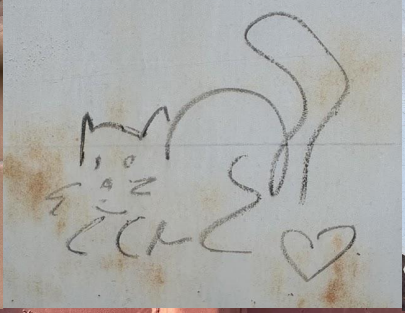

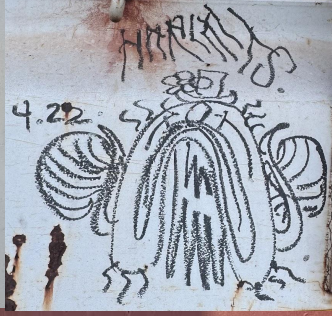
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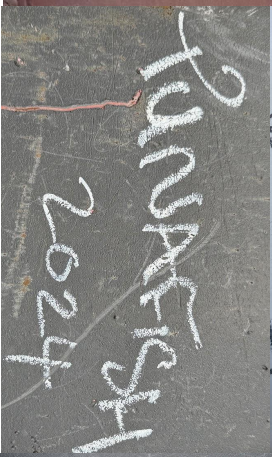
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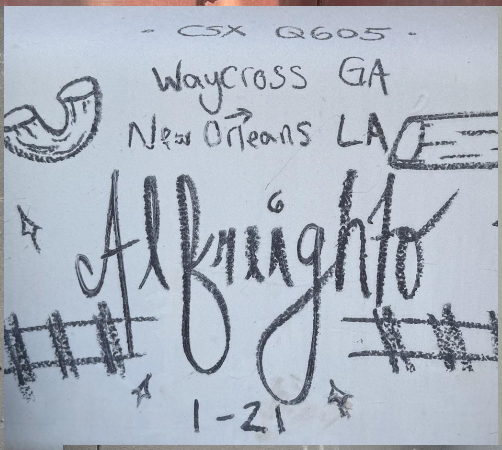
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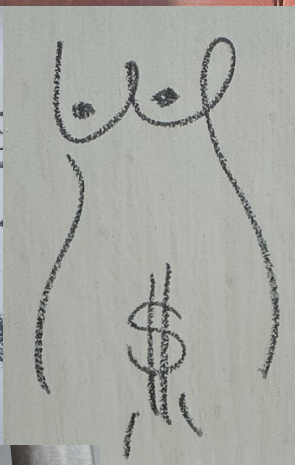

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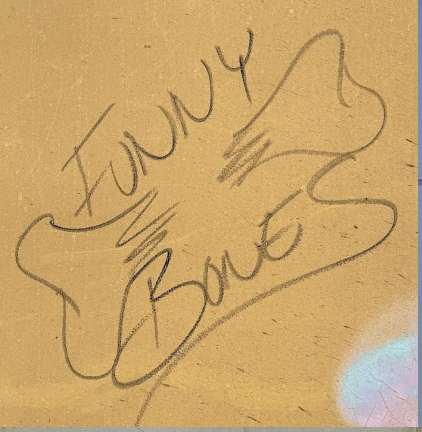
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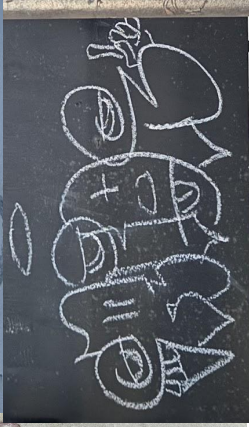

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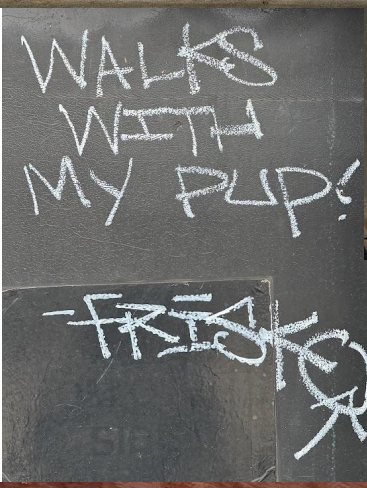
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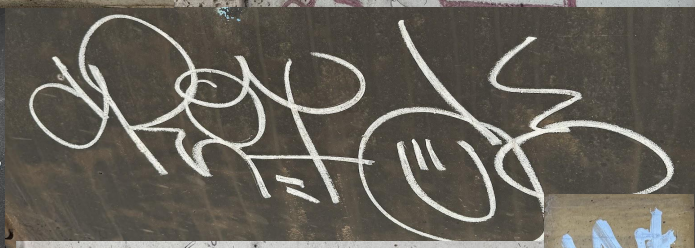

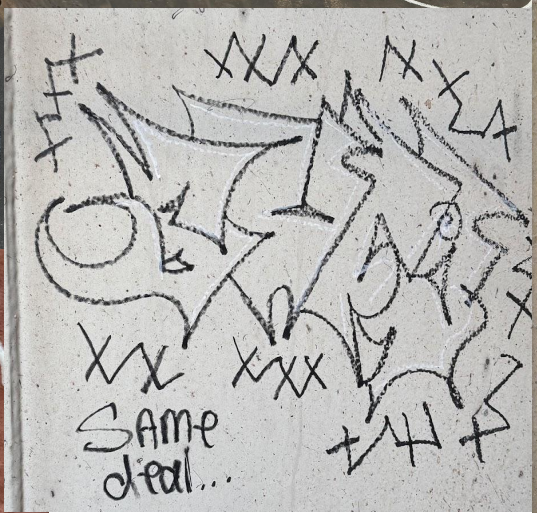
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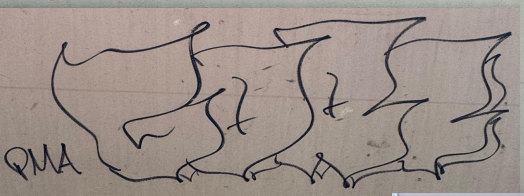
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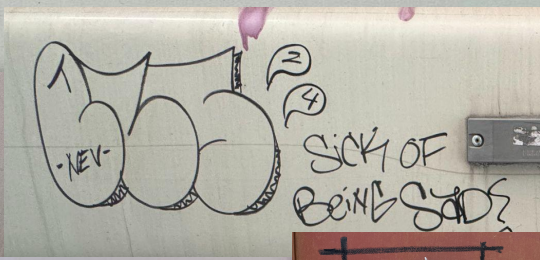
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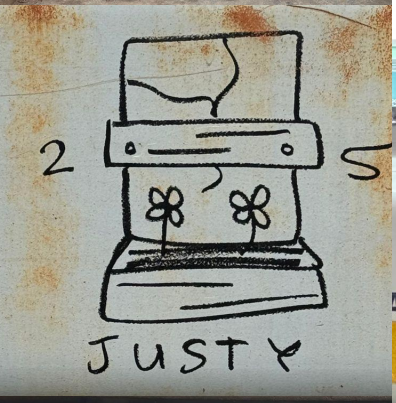
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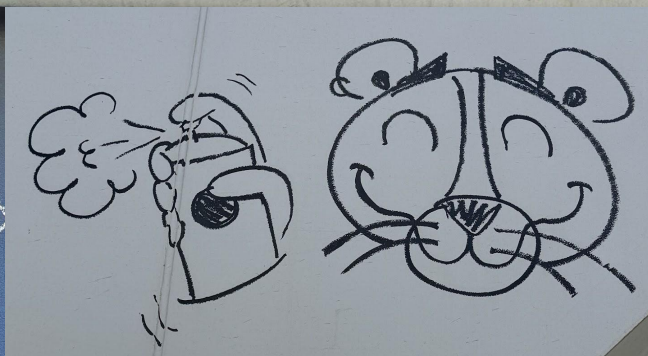

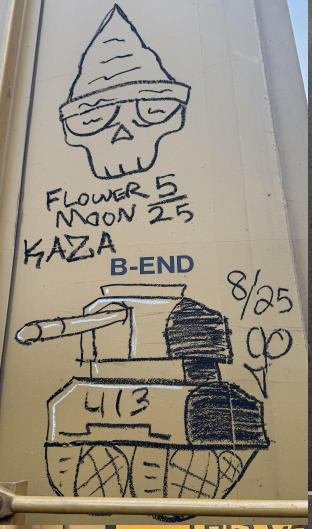
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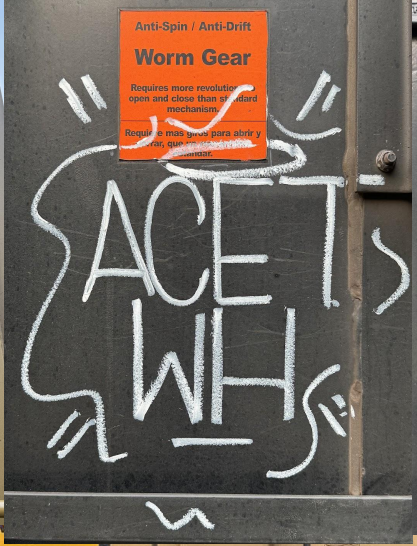
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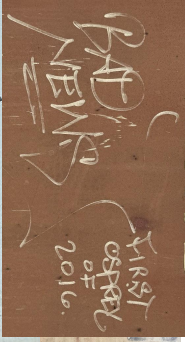
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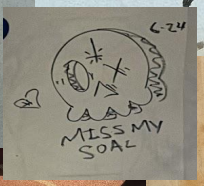
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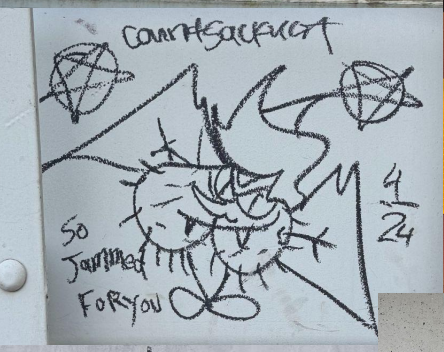
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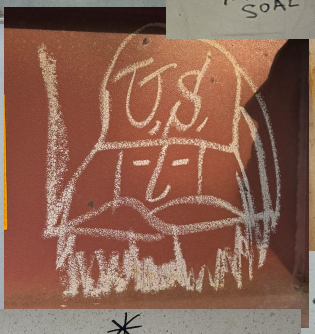
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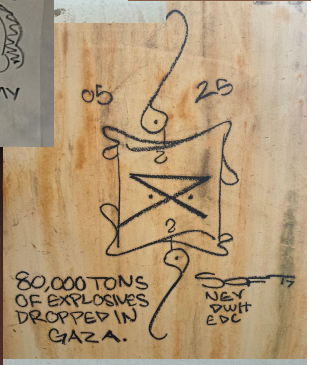
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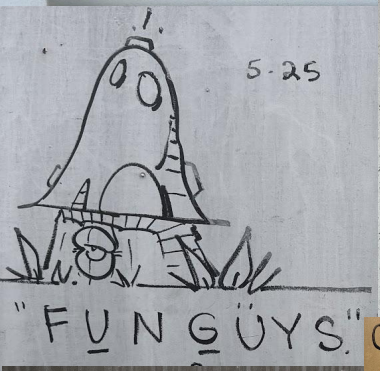
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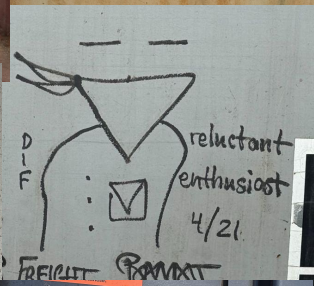
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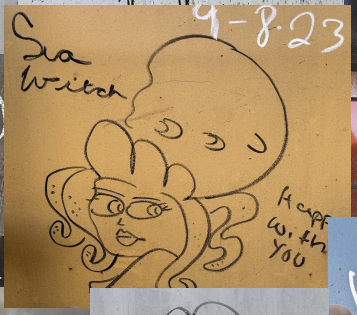
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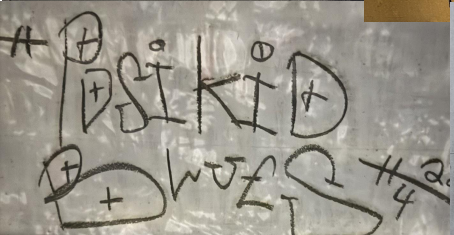
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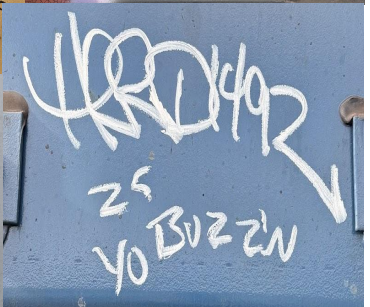
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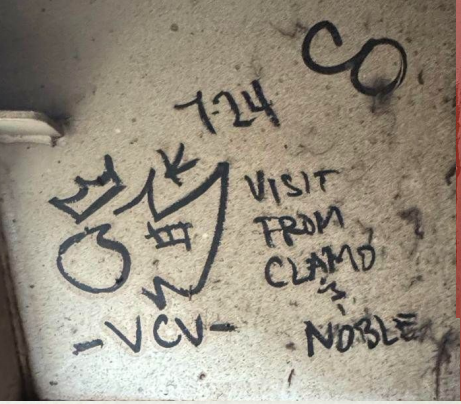
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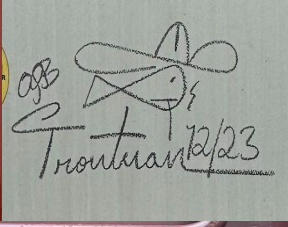
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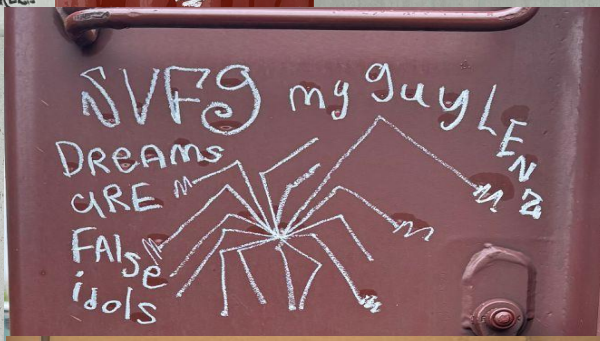
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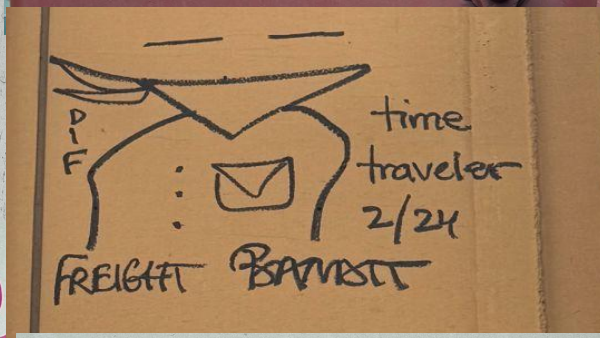
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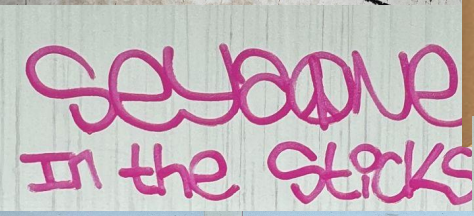
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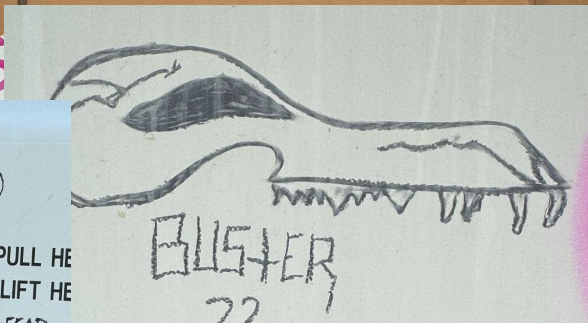
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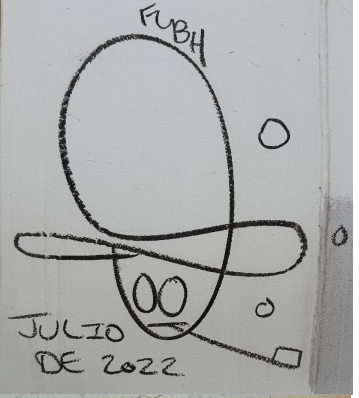
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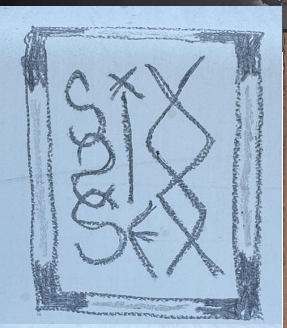

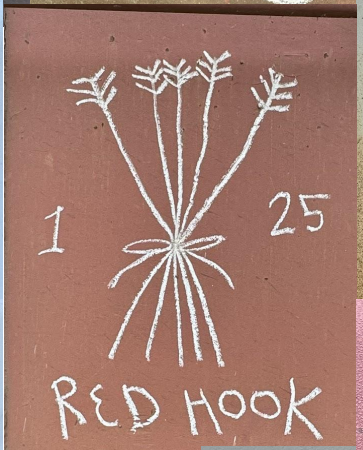
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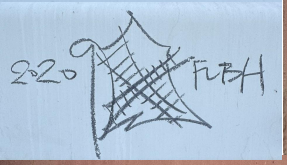
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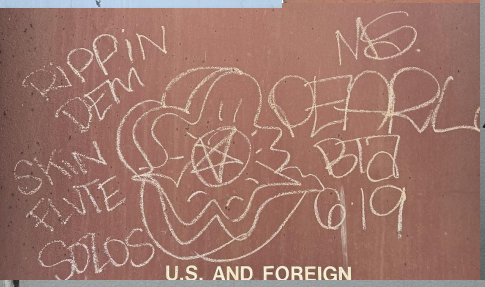
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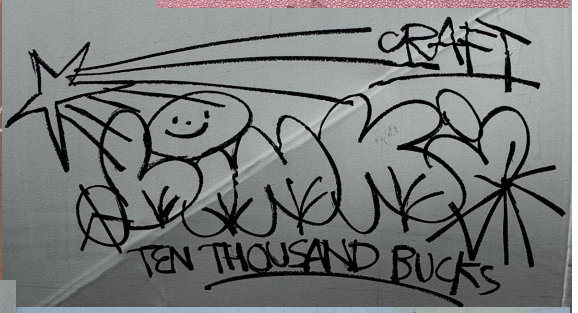
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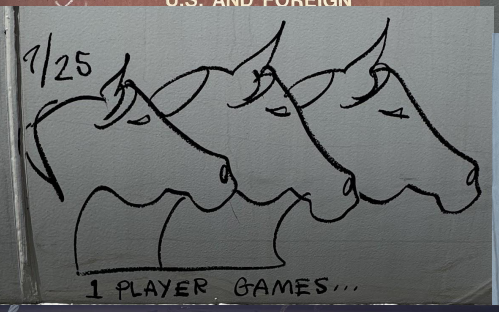
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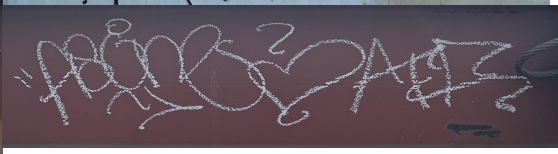

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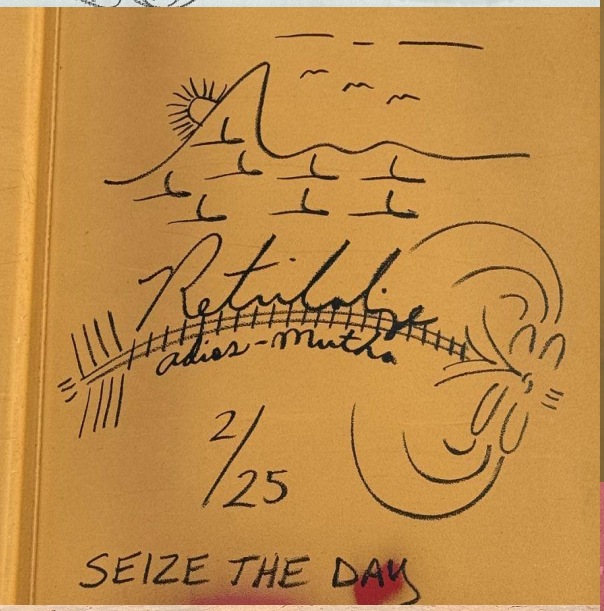
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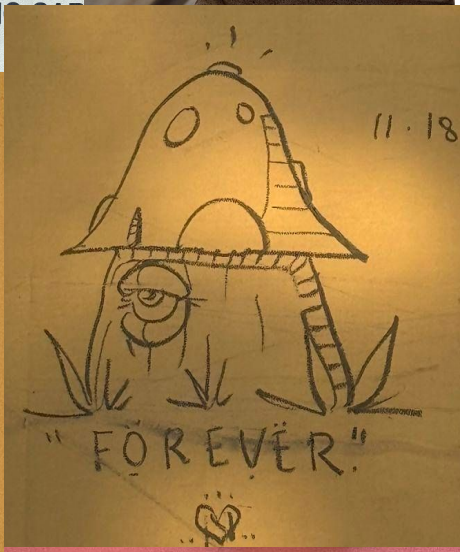
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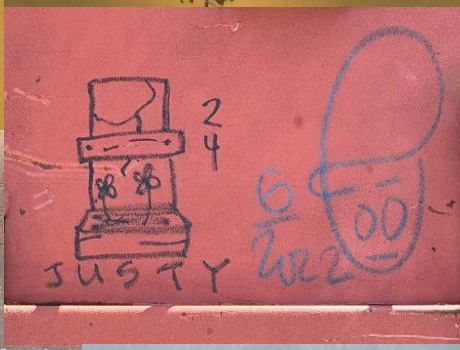
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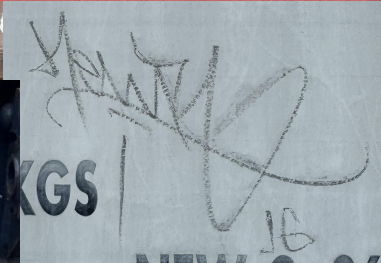
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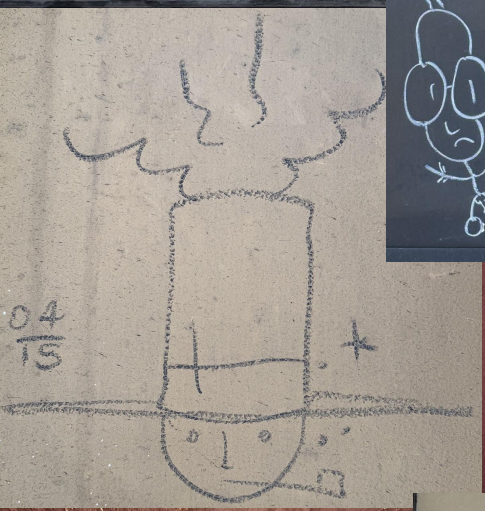
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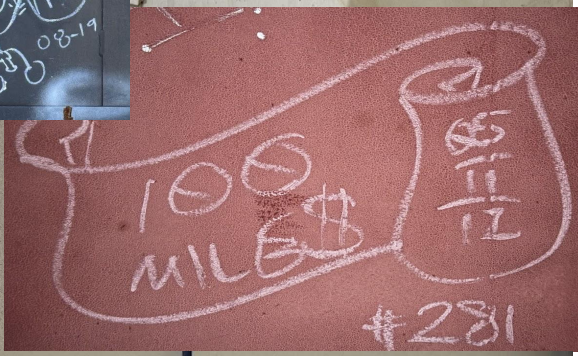
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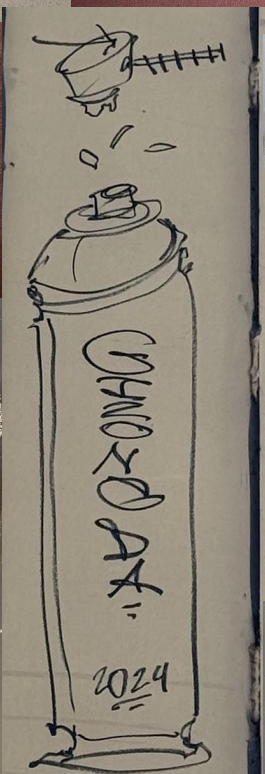
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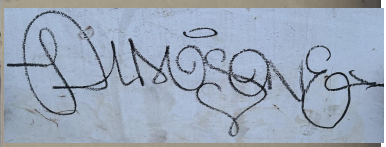

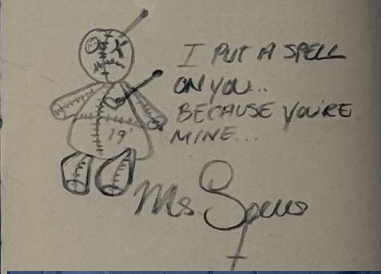
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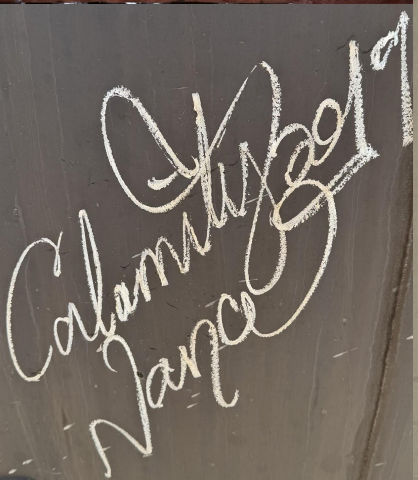

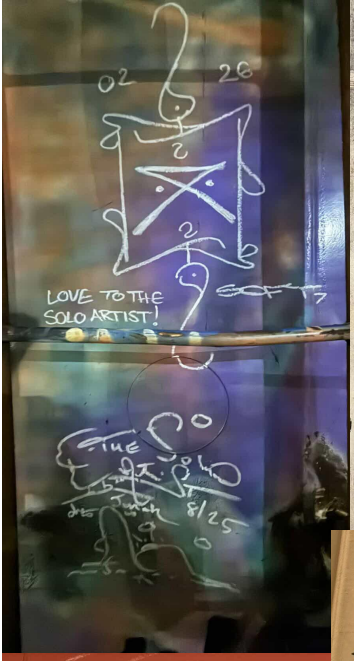
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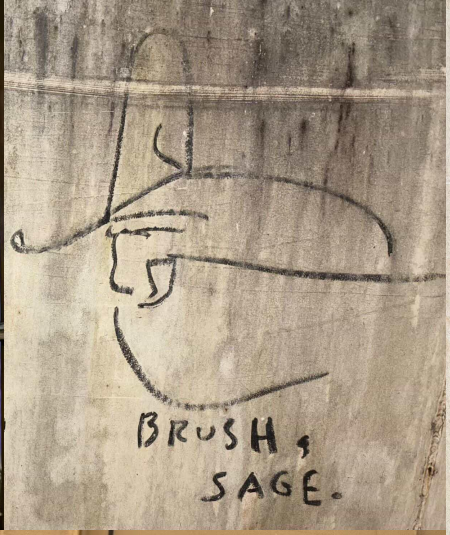
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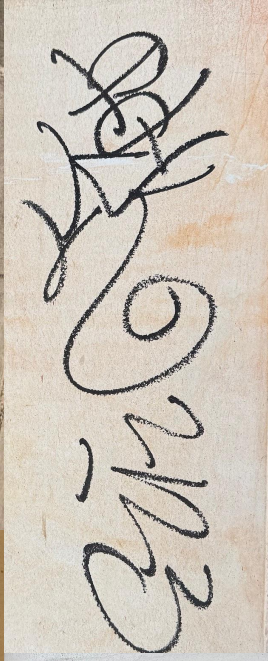

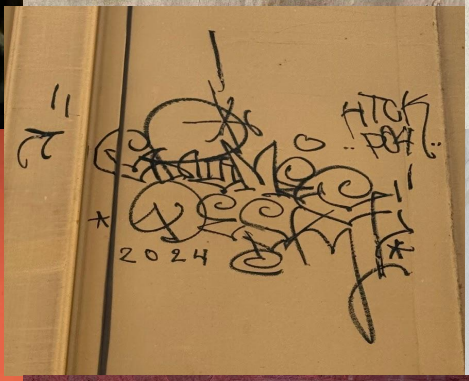
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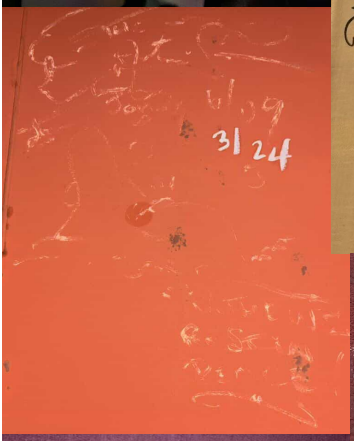
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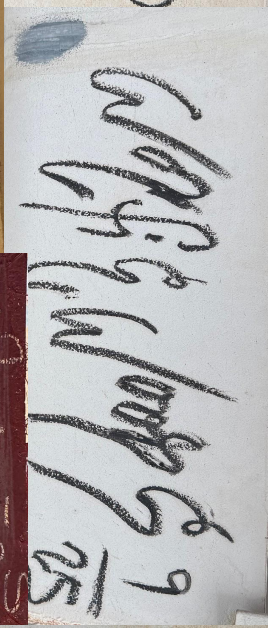

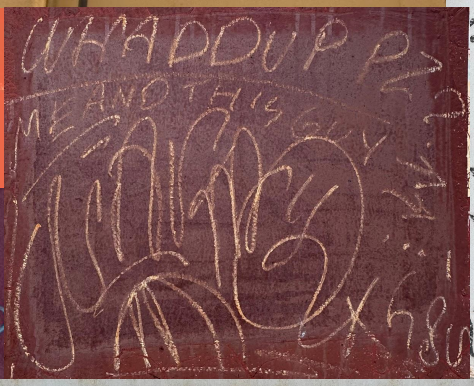
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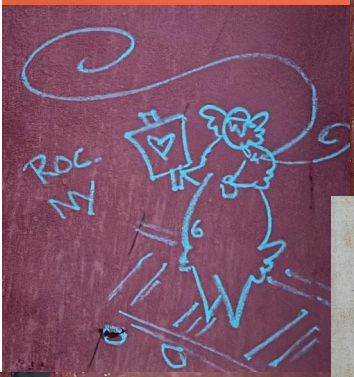
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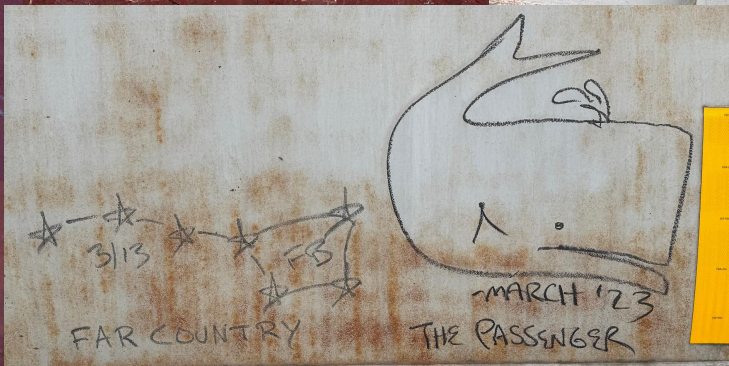
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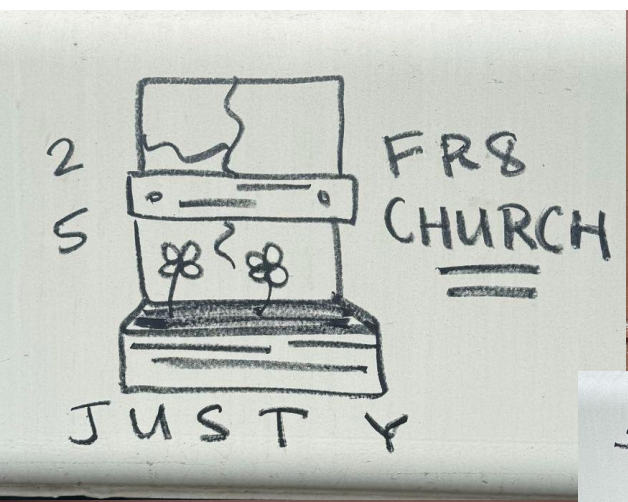
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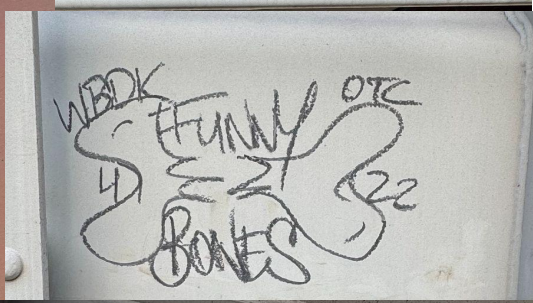
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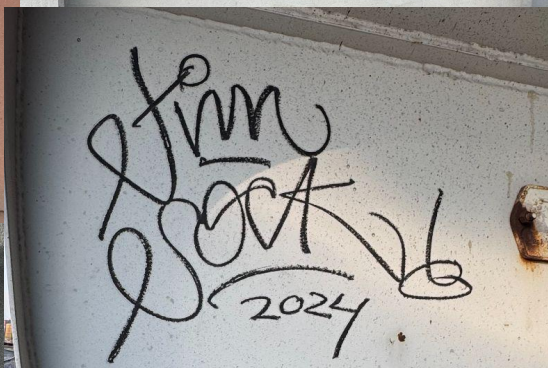
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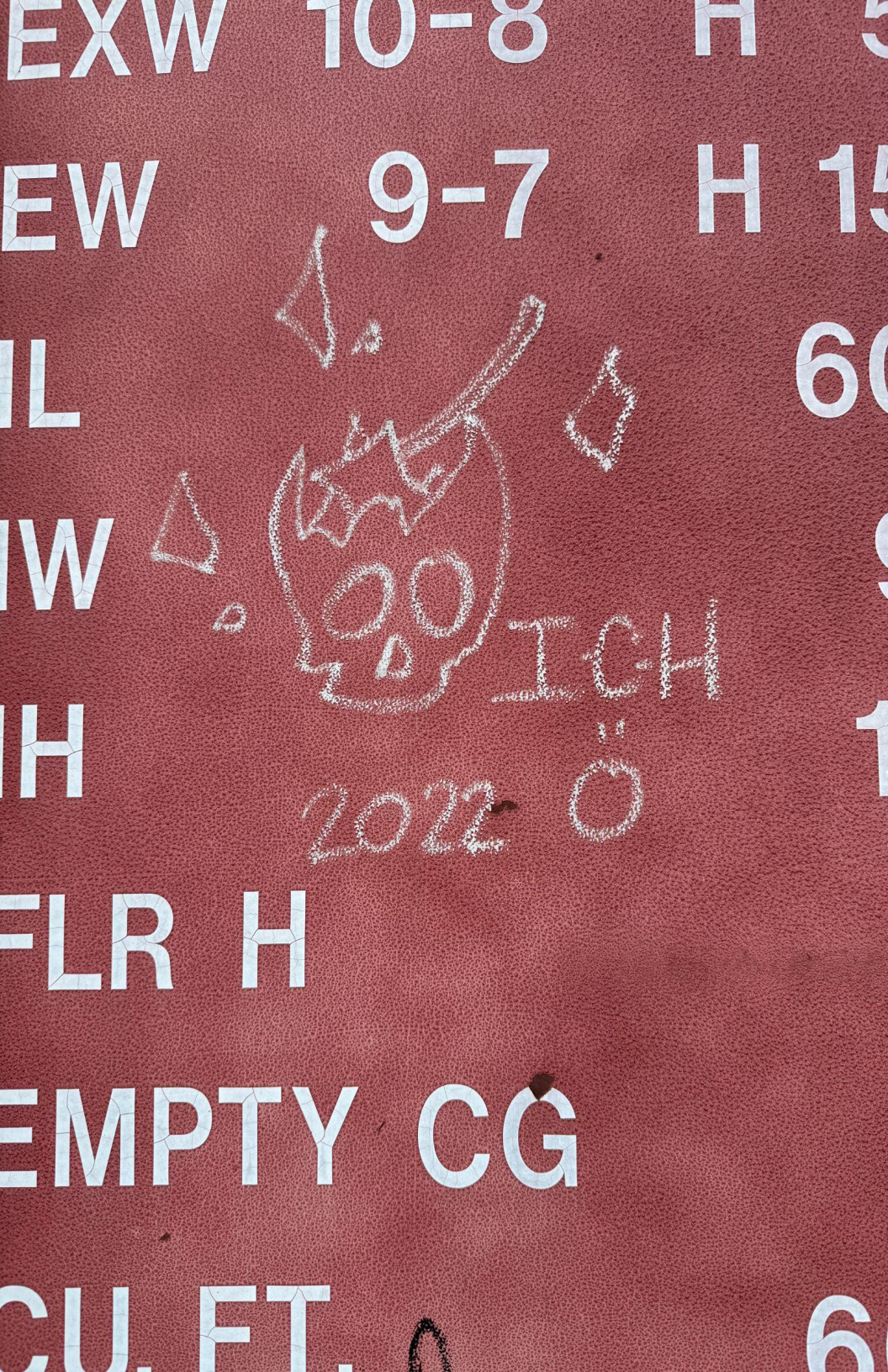
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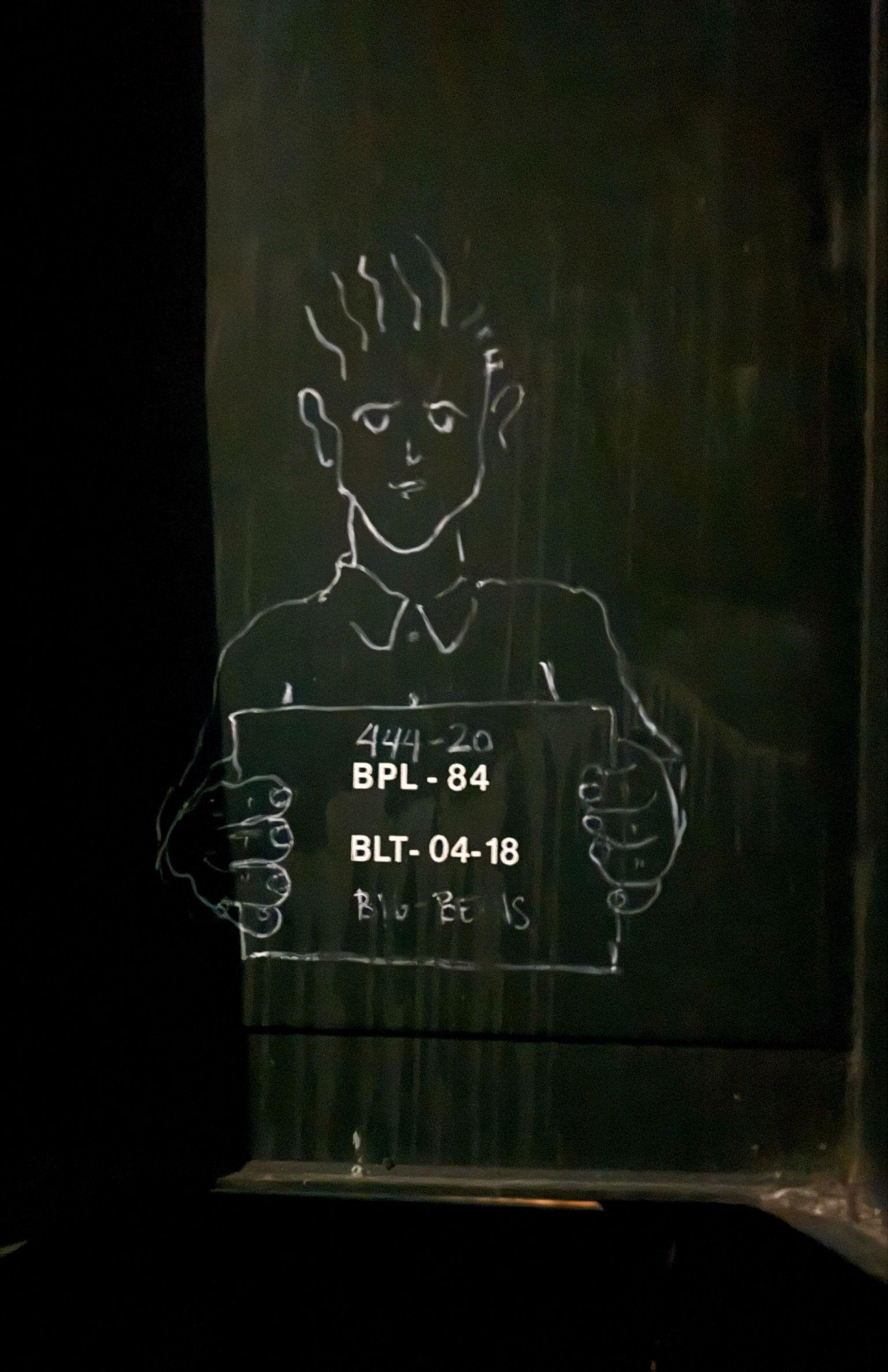
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Thank you for Viewing!

All of these monikers were found & spotted in Western MA! We have such a vibrant & artistic community & I want to showcase it to the world. We are so talented despite the reputation that comes from some of our cities.

This zine is meant to represent the amazing art that we create & wish to showcase to the world. Thank you for picking up this zine & viewing it. By the act of seeing my pictures, our art & name can live on for a little longer. We traverse the railroad tracks to engrave our image & likeness for future generations to see.

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